

The above standards are reflected for the purpose of comparison between standards and what Kinston currently has. The total recreational, entertainment and cultural areas total 179 acres. This figure includes recreational use of school sites and facilities.

The City of Kinston does have a year round recreational and cultural program and should be commended on its progress. An agreement between the School Board and the Recreation Commission has made possible the use of school facilities and sites to increase the scope and participation in the recreation program. The Kinston Arts Council, under the sponsorship of the Recreation Commission, has done considerable work in the art and music field. Possibly more coordination between the Council and Lenoir Community College would give Kinston a broader cultural program and eliminate duplicated programs.

As the population of Kinston increases in the next twenty years, more and more emphasis will have to be placed on more local recreation, entertainment and cultural programs and facilities. Mini parks have not been a trend in Kinston as of this date. This could be due to the fact that subdividers have not been required to allocate recreational land in new subdivisions and developments. Presently, there is no one place or facility which would accommodate the majority of Kinston's population such as an amphitheater or a cultural or civic center.

Other factors which should be pointed out for identification is that the majority of Kinston's facilities are available to all residents at no cost or very little cost. However, facilities such as a golf course and swimming pools will not attract the entire